

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY	DOCKET NO. GCU-01-1
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ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION

(Issued December 14, 2001)

On November 27, 2001, IES Utilities Inc. (IES) and Interstate Power Company (Interstate) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a joint petition to intervene in Docket No. GCU-01-1. This docket will examine the application filed by MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) for an electric generating facility certificate to construct and operate a combined cycle unit in Pleasant Hill, Iowa. No objections to the petition to intervene have been filed.

In support of their petition to intervene, IES and Interstate state that they are rate-regulated public utilities providing electric and gas service in Iowa. Because MidAmerican's application for a generating certificate is the first filed since significant changes to the siting laws in Iowa Code chapter 476A, IES and Interstate want to observe how the statute and proposed rules are applied. IES and Interstate state that they will be directly affected by the Board's interpretation of the statute and rules.

The petition to intervene will be granted. IES and Interstate have demonstrated a unique interest in these proceedings that should be represented.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The joint petition to intervene filed by IES Utilities Inc. and Interstate Power Company on November 27, 2001, is granted.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 14th day of December, 2001.